

CLAIMS

What I claim as my invention is:

- 1) (Previously Presented): A package comprising a container and a closure:
said container having a generally cylindrical sidewall including an integral base wall at one end and an opening at the other end;
said container having interior, exterior, bottom, and top surfaces;
said container having retention means for retaining a closure at or near said other end and elevating means located near said other end;
said closure having a generally cylindrical sidewall that is smaller in diameter than the interior surface of said container sidewall;
said closure having elevating means on the outer surface of said closure sidewall that cooperates with said container elevating means;
said closure sidewall has a top panel integrally formed at one end;
said top panel is smaller in diameter than the exterior diameter of the container sidewall, and has a top surface that has little to no protrusion above said container other end;
said top panel has a bottom surface integrally connected to said closure sidewall, and a side surface intermediate said top and bottom surfaces at the periphery of said top panel ;
said container sidewall being of such diameter, below the top surface and near said other end, so as to accommodate said closure top panel side surface and the container sidewall being smaller in diameter than said closure top panel side surface below said accommodating diameter forming a ledge to limit the distance the closure can move into the container;
- 2) (Original): A package according to claim 1 having sealing means such that when said closure is applied to said container such that the package is closed, a surface on the exterior of said closure and a surface on the interior of said container will be in continuous contact with each other so as to prevent or reduce the ingress or egress of moisture or water vapor to the package, along the area of contact.
- 3) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 2 where the sealing means is provided by continuous contact of a portion of said container sidewall ledge top surface and a portion of the bottom surface of said closure top panel when said package is closed.

- 4) (Original): A package according to claim 1 having a slot extending from the top surface of said closure top panel toward the bottom surface of said top panel.
- 5) (Original): A package according to claim 1 having said closure and said container being composed of one or more plastic materials.
- 6) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 1 having the top surface of said closure top panel being convex.
- 7) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 1 where the elevating means on said container and closure are cooperating screw threads.
- 8) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 1 where the retention means on the container and closure are composed of an engaging bead at the opening of said container sidewall and the periphery of said closure top panel.
- 9) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 8 having retention means comprising the periphery of said closure top panel and the engaging bead at or near the said open end of the sidewall to retain the closure within the container and a reduced diameter of said sidewall below said engaging bead to form a ledge that limits the distance the closure can be inserted into the container.